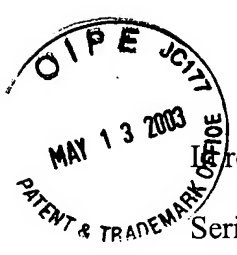


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

In reply to the Requirement for Restriction mailed on April 11, 2003, Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Requirement for Restriction for at least the following reasons. The Requirement for Restriction asserts a three-way restriction of Claims 1-18 (Group I); Claims 19-36 (Group II); and Claims 37-42 (Group III). Each of these groups of claims contains the identical steps with the only difference being the context. Specifically, the Group I claims are recited in the context of a method for printing, the Group II claims are recited in the context of a computer-readable medium for printing and the Group III claims are recited in the context of a system for printing. For example, independent method Claim 1 recites "A method for printing an electronic document, the method comprising:" followed by a set of steps. Independent computer-readable medium Claim 19 recites "A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions for printing an electronic document, wherein execution of the one or more sequences of instructions by one or more processors causes the one or more processors to perform:" followed by the identical set of steps. Independent system Claim 37 recites "A system for printing an electronic document, comprising: one or more

processors; one or more memories coupled to the one or more processors; and one or more sequences of instructions stored in the one or more memories, wherein execution of the one or more sequences of instructions by one or more processors causes the one or more processors to perform the steps of:" followed by the identical set of steps. Since all of the claims recite a method for printing an electronic document, computer-readable medium for printing an electronic document or system for printing an electronic document with the identical steps, it is respectfully submitted that a single search can be performed covering all claims without serious burden on the Examiner. "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" MPEP §803. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse Claims 1-18 for examination. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1302. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that such contact would be helpful in furthering the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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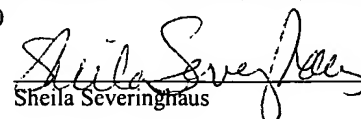
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